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SUBJECT: ISRAEL'S SOYBEAN NEEDS

REF: TEL AVIV 5949

1. EMBASSY OF ISRAEL DELIVERED FOLLOWING CONFIDENTIAL
MEMORANDUM TO DEPT JULY 31:

BEGIN QUOTE SUBJECT: DEFERRAL OF SOYBEAN SHIPMENT TO
ISRAEL SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 10-15 LOADING.

QUOTE THIS IS TO CONFIRM TELEPHONE ADVICE OF FRIDAY, JULY
27, 1973, AND IS FURTHER TO OUR MEMORANDA OF JULY 11 AND
JULY 17.

QUOTE ON JULY 27, CARGILL THE CONTRACTUAL SUPPLIER OF SOME
30,000 TONS OF SOYBEANS SCHEDULED FOR MID-AUGUST LOADING,
APPROACHED GOI SUPPLY MISSION WITH OFFER FOR IMMEDIATE
ACCEPTANCE. CARGILL OFFERED TO SUPPLY EQUIVALENT TWO HALF
CARGOES, FOR WHICH PENDING HARDSHIP LICENSE APPLICATIONS
HAVE NOT YET BEEN ANSWERED, FROM NEW SOYBEAN CROP, AT
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PRICES CONTRACTED FOR IN OCT AND DEC 1972.

QUOTE IMMEDIACY OF CARGILL'S DEADLINE, AND COMPLETE UNCERTAINTY AS TO FATE OF HARDSHIP LICENSE APPLICATIONS, AND LATEST INFORMATION INDICATING NO DECISION COULD BE EXPECTED BEFORE CARGILL'S DEADLINE, FORCED US TO ACCEPT OFFER. THIS DECISION, ABOUT WHICH WE HAD NO CHOICE, MAKES ISRAEL SOYBEAN SUPPLY SITUATION EVEN MORE DIFFICULT, AND NECESSITATES ALL OUT EFFORTS TO FIND SMALL INEVITABLY EXPENSIVE PARCELS FROM ALTERNATIVE, NON-U.S. SOURCES OF SUPPLY. HOWEVER, IT WOULD, AT LEAST, ENSURE EVENTUAL DELIVERY OF AS YET UNLICENSED 30,000 TONS AT ORIGINAL, CONTRACTUAL PRICES.

QUOTE RELINQUISHMENT BY ISRAEL OF TWO CARGILL HARDSHIP APPLICATIONS FOR 30,000 TONS OF OLD CROP SOYBEANS MAKES IT EVEN MORE IMPERATIVE THAT 15,000-TON GARNAC HARDSHIP APPLICATION, FOR WHICH VESSEL HAS BEEN WAITING IN PORT FOR MORE THAN WEEK, BE ACTED UPON PROMPTLY AND AFFIRMATIVELY. FOR THIS IMMEDIATELY REQUIRED SOYBEAN CARGO NO SUBSTITUTES CAN BE FOUND. END QUOTE

2. GOI REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FOR 15,000 TONS FOR SECOND SHIPLOAD UNDER CONSIDERATION WITHIN USG. ROGERS

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